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FOR: BIOCOMPATIBLE IMPLANT FOR THE EXPRESSION AND IN VIVO SECRETION OF A THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 1, after the title, please insert:

--This application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/225,509 filed on January 6, 1999, allowed, which is a Divisional of Serial No. 08/532,814 filed January 19, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,906,817, which was filed as International Application No. PCT/FR94/00456 filed April 21, 1994.--